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SUBJECT: ATTORNEY GENERAL'S PRESS CONFERENCE
FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS FROM ATTORNEY GENERAL'S SEPTEMBER 6 PRESS CONFERENCE AT WHICH TEXT OF TONGSUN PARK INDICTMENT WAS RELEASED.
QUOTE:
ATTORNEY GENERAL BELL: WE CALLED THIS NEWS CONFERENCE TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE HAVE INDICTED TONGSUN PARK -- HE WAS INDICTED ON AUGUST 26 BY THE USABLE SEAL INDICTMENT. UNDER COURT ORDER, JUDGE PRATT AUTHORIZED THE INDICT-
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MENT TO BE UNSEALED THIS MORNING. YOU HAVE COPIES OF THE INDICTMENT.
AN INDICTMENT IS SIMPLY A CHARGE. THINGS IN AN INDICTMENT HAVE TO BE BASED ON PROBABLE CAUSE. WE ARE SUBJECT TO ETHICAL AND PROFESSIONAL RESTRAINTS, AND WE WOULDN'T SAY SOMETHING IN AN INDICTMENT UNLESS THERE WAS -- WE THOUGHT THAT THERE WAS PROBABLY CAUSE FOR THE THINGS WE SAY.
MR. PARK, THOUGH, WAS ENTITLED TO A TRIAL AND A FAIR TRIAL ON THESE CHARGES. AN INDICTMENT IS NOT EVIDENCE. IT IS A MERE CHARGE.
THE INDICTMENT IS IN 36 COUNTS, SIX PRINCIPAL CHARGES: CONSPIRACY TO BRIBE A PUBLIC OFFICIAL AND TO DEFRAUD THE UNITED STATES; SECOND, BRIBERY OF A PUBLIC OFFICIAL: THIRD, MAIL FRAUD: FOURTH, RACKETEERING BY OPERATING A CORRUPT ENTERPRISE IN VIOLATION OF FEDERAL STATUTES; FIVE, FAILURE TO REGISTER AS AN AGENT OF A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT; AND SIX, MAKING ILLEGAL CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS.
AS YOU KNOW, MR PARK'S IN SOUTH KOREA, NOT HERE; BUT

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WE ARE -- HE IS NOW A FUGITIVE FROM AMERICAN JUSTICE.
WE HOPE THAT HE'LL APPEAR FOR TRIAL. WE'RE PREPARED
TO GO TO TRIAL IMMEDIATELY.
QUESTION: DOES THIS INDICTMENT CONCLUDE YOUR INVESTI-
GATION?
ATTORNEY GENERAL BELL: IT DOESN'T CONCLUDE IT, IT'S A
BEGINNING.

QUESTION: IS THERE ANY WAY FOR YOU TO BRING PARK BACK
FROM KOREA, IF HE DOESN'T WANT TO COME?
ATTORNEY GENERAL BELL: I'M ASKING PRESIDENT CARTER
TODAY TO CONTACT PRESIDENT PARK CHUNG HEE, IN ORDER TO
HAVE TONGSUN PARK, WHO IS NOW A FUGITIVE FROM AMERICAN
JUSTICE, RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES.
QUESTION: WILL HIS RETURN BE A MATTER OF EXTRADITION
TECHNICALLY, OR WILL THERE BE SOME OTHER FORM?
ATTORNEY GENERAL BELL: WE HAVE NO EXTRADITION TREATY
WITH SOUTH KOREA.
QUESTION: HOW, THEN, DO YOU PLAN TO GET HIM FORCIBLY
TO RETURN IF HE DOESN'T WISH TO? OR, IN THE EVENT, --
ATTORNEY GENERAL BELL: SOUTH KOREA IS A FRIENDLY
POWER AND AN ALLY OF THE UNITED STATES, AND I WOULDN'T
WANT TO TELL THEM HOW TO RETURN TONGSUN PARK; BUT I'M
SURE THEY KNOW HOW.
QUESTION: DO YOU EXPECT THEM TO RETURN HIM? YOU'VE
BEEN HAVING HIGH NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE KOREAN GOVERN-
MENT.
ATTORNEY GENERAL BELL: I CERTAINLY HOPE THEY WILL.
QUESTION: DO YOU HAVE INDICATIONS THAT THEY WILL?
IS THAT WHY YOU'RE ANNOUNCING IT TODAY?
ATTORNEY GENERAL BELL: I DON'T HAVE ANY INDICATIONS.
I HAVE HIGH HOPES THAT A FRIENDLY POWER, AN ALLY, WOULD
WANT TO RETURN A FUGITIVE FROM AMERICAN JUSTICE TO US.
WE WOULD ASSURE THE SOUTH KOREAN GOVERNMENT THAT HE'D

RECEIVE A FAIR TRIAL IN OUR COURT SYSTEM.
QUESTION: IN FACT, THOUGH, JUDGE BELL, ISN'T IT TRUE
THAT THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT WILL SUFFER A GREAT DEAL OF
EMBARRASSMENT IF HE WERE TO COME BACK HERE AND STAND
TRIAL ON THESE CHARGES, THAT IF THE CHARGES WERE PROVED
TO BE TRUE, IT WOULD PUT EGG ALL OVER THE FACE OF THE
KOREAN GOVERNMENT?
ATTORNEY GENERAL BELL: WELL, EVERYTHING IN LIFE IS
RELATIVE. IT SEEMS TO ME THEY'D BE EMBARRASSED NOW.
THEY HAVE THIS MAN THERE, AND WE HAVE HIM INDICTED,
AND I'D THINK THEY WOULD WANT TO RETURN HIM.
QUESTION: JUDGE BELL, WHY ISN'T MR HANNA UNDER IN-
DICTMENT?

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ATTORNEY GENERAL BELL: MR. HANNA? WELL, WE'RE DEALING THIS MORNING WITH TONGSUN PARK.
QUESTION: WILL HE BE INDICTED?
ATTORNEY GENERAL BELL: I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THAT. WE DON'T MAKE ANNOUNCEMENTS IN ADVANCE ABOUT OTHER PEOPLE OR OTHER CASES.
QUESTION: DOES THIS PRECLUDE HIS INDICTMENT?
ATTORNEY GENERAL BELL: IT DOESN'T PRECLUDE ANYONE'S INDICTMENT.
QUESTION: WHEN WILL -- HOW SOON WILL THE --
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ATTORNEY GENERAL BELL: THIS IS JUST THE FIRST INDICTMENT.
QUESTION: WILL THE OTHERS BE COMING FAIRLY SOON, OTHER INDICTMENTS?
ATTORNEY GENERAL BELL: I DON'T KNOW THAT WE WILL HAVE OTHERS. BUT WE ARE -- WE'RE WORKING ON THE CASE.
QUESTION: JUDGE BELL, IT WASN'T SO MANY WEEKS AGO THAT YOU AND MR. CIVILETTI WERE ON CAPITOL HILL, TO SAY THAT THERE WAS INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO INDICT TONGSUN PARK, AND SUDDENLY NOW WE HAVE THIS ENORMOUS INDICTMENT. WHAT OBTAINED IN BETWEEN?
ATTORNEY GENERAL BELL: IT'S NOT SUDDENLY. WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON THE CASE SINCE LAST JULY. IT TOOK A LONG TIME TO GET THIS EVIDENCE TOGETHER. NOTHING HAS OBTAINED IN BETWEEN, EXCEPT HARD WORK AND GOOD LAWYERS, AND A PROFESSIONAL APPROACH TO AN INVESTIGATION.
QUESTION: WAS IT POSSIBLE TO BRING THIS INDICTMENT WHILE PARK WAS STILL IN LONDON?
ATTORNEY GENERAL BELL: IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE.
QUESTION: WHY THE SEALED INDICTMENT?
ATTORNEY GENERAL BELL: WELL, AT THE TIME WE HAD CERTAIN OPTIONS THAT WE THOUGHT WERE AVAILABLE, AND IT APPEARED TO US TO BE THE PART OF WISDOM TO HAVE A SEALED INDICTMENT, NOT BEING PRIVY TO ALL THE TRAVEL PLANS OF MR. PARK.
QUESTION: WHY WAS IT IMPOSSIBLE TO BRING THE INDICTMENT WHILE HE WAS IN LONDON?
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ATTORNEY GENERAL BELL: BECAUSE WE DID NOT HAVE IT READY. THE SAME REASON THIS GENTLEMAN JUST ASKED ABOUT WHEN WE WERE AT THE SENATE. IF YOU READ THE INDICTMENT, YOU'LL FIND THAT IT'S FAIRLY COMPLICATED, AND IT TOOK SOME DOING TO GET IT SET.
QUESTION: COULD YOU HAVE WAITED UNTIL HE RETURNED TO LONDON? WOULD THAT HAVE MADE IT EASIER TO BRING HIM BACK HERE, RATHER THAN DEALING WITH SOUTH KOREA NOW?
ATTORNEY GENERAL BELL: I JUST ANSWERED THAT QUESTION

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BY SAYING THAT WE WERE NOT PRIVY TO HIS TRAVEL SCHEDULE.
QUESTION: HIS LAWYER CONTENDS HE TOLD THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT HE WAS GOING TO KOREA.
ATTORNEY GENERAL BELL: BUT HE DIDN'T TELL US WHEN HE WAS RETURNING.
QUESTION: JUDGE BELL, WHY WAS THE INDICTMENT UNSEALED, AND WHY AT THIS PARTICULAR TIME?
ATTORNEY GENERAL BELL: WE UNSEALED IT BECAUSE WE REACHED THE DAY WHERE WE WANT TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO GET MR. PARK TO RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES AT HIS OWN BEHEST OR PERHAPS WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF HIS GOVERNMENT. AND WE HAD TO UNSEAL THE INDICTMENT TO MAKE THE NEXT MOVE.
ATTORNEY GENERAL BELL: OUR OPTIONS HAD BEEN DESTROYED TO SOME EXTENT BY THE FACT THAT YOU FOUND OUT ABOUT
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THE SEALED INDICTMENT.
QUESTION: IS THE UNSEALING TECHNICALLY AN ACTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OR OF THE FEDERAL COURT?
ATTORNEY GENERAL BELL: THE COURT, ON OUR MOTION. WE ASKED THAT IT BE UNSEALED, BUT WE COULD NOT UNSEAL IT WITHOUT A COURT ORDER.
QUESTION: THIS WAS JUDGE PRATT, DID YOU SAY?
ATTORNEY GENERAL BELL: JUDGE PRATT
QUESTION: IF MR. PARK RETURNS AND AGREES TO TELL ALL, WOULD YOU ALL BE WILLING TO REDUCE OR DROP SOME CHARGES?
ATTORNEY GENERAL BELL: THE CHANCES OF THAT ARE BECOMING VERY REMOTE, THE CHANCES OF OUR DROPPING THE CHARGES ARE BECOMING MORE REMOTE DAILY.
QUESTION: JUDGE BELL, SHOULD MR. PARK RETURN, WOULD HE BE ALLOWED TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE INVESTIGATORS WHILE HE'S UNDER CRIMINAL PROSECUTION?
ATTORNEY GENERAL BELL: WELL, WE HAVEN'T FACED THAT YET. WE ARE -- WE EXPECT OUR CASE TO HAVE PRIORITY, AND WOULD NOT EXPECT ANYTHING TO HAPPEN THAT WOULD INTERFERE WITH HIS RIGHTS TO A FAIR TRIAL.
MR. CIVILETTI: WELL, IN THE TIME THAT THE CASE WAS STILL PENDING, IT WOULD BE MR. PARK WHO WOULD MAKE THAT DECISION. WE WOULDN'T HAVE TO.
QUESTION: WHAT'S THE NEXT STEP IF HE DOESN'T RETURN? IF SOUTH KOREA REFUSES TO ALLOW HIM TO COME BACK?
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ATTORNEY GENERAL BELL: WE WILL NOT COMMENT ON THAT.
QUESTION: WHY ARE THE CHANCES OF YOUR DROPPING THE CHARGES AGAINST MR. PARK BECOMING MORE REMOTE?
ATTORNEY GENERAL BELL: WE HAVE NOW INDICTED HIM. HE'S A FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE.
QUESTION: BUT ISN'T HIS TESTIMONY MORE VALUABLE TO

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YOU THAN PROSECUTING HIM?
ATTORNEY GENERAL BELL: WELL, WE HAVEN'T -- IN OUR COURSE OF DEALINGS WITH MR. PARK, WE HAVE NOT HAD ANY ENCOURAGEMENT THAT WE WANTED TO TESTIFY. WE HAVE A -- HE'S HAD THREE TIMES, THREE OPPORTUNITIES TO TELL US WHAT HE KNOWS, AND HE HAS NOT YET CHOSEN TO DO SO. AND THAT DOESN'T GIVE US ANY COMFORT OR CONFIDENCE THAT HE WANTS TO MAKE A FULL DISCLOSURE.
QUESTION: MR. BELL, YOU'VE INDICATED TO THE U.S. ATTORNEY THAT YOU DIDN'T WANT THEM TO HAVE A PRESS CONFERENCE TO ANNOUNCE THE INDICTMENT. WHY ARE YOU HAVING THE PRESS CONFERENCE?
ATTORNEY GENERAL BELL: WE'RE HAVING ONE BECAUSE THIS MATTER EXCEEDS THE LEVEL OF AN ORDINARY CRIMINAL CASE, IT'S A MATTER OF GREAT PUBLIC CONCERN, NO. 1; NO. 2, WE'RE THE LAST PEOPLE IN WASHINGTON WHO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SAY ANYTHING. WE HAVE TAKEN ALL SORTS OF REMARKS OVER A PERIOD OF MONTHS, AND IT'S A GREAT PLEASURE TO BE ABLE TO GO PUBLIC.
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QUESTION: IN YOUR CONTACTS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH KOREA, HAVE THEY OFFERED ANY CONDITIONS TO -- AS OPPOSING TO MR. PARK COMING BACK TO THIS COUNTRY?
ATTORNEY GENERAL BELL: THEY HAVE NOT.
QUESTION: HAS THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE PUT ANY MILITARY OR ECONOMIC PRESSURE ON THE SOUTH KOREAN GOVERNMENT IN ITS NEGOTIATIONS TO GET PARK BACK?
ATTORNEY GENERAL BELL: THERE'S BEEN NONE AT MY BEHEST ON THE LEVEL OF THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.
ATTORNEY GENERAL BELL: WE ARE DEALING WITH A FRIENDLY POWER AND AN ALLY. AND WE'RE ASKING THEM TO ASSIST US, AND PROTECT THE INTEGRITY OF OUR JUSTICE SYSTEM. . . . THERE'S ALL KINDS OF WAYS PEOPLE CAN RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES. IF YOU'RE FAMILIAR WITH THE DECISIONS YOU'LL KNOW THAT THERE HAVE BEEN PEOPLE RETURNED TO THIS COUNTRY, WHERE THERE WAS NO TREATY.
QUESTION: I TAKE IT THAT IT'S YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF YOUR FEELING THAT IF THEY THROW HIM IN A BRAN SACK AND PUT HIM ON A PLANE, WHEN HE GETS HERE, THAT HE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE A LEGITIMATE ARGUMENT THAT HIS DUE PROCESS HAS BEEN VIOLATED PRIOR TO TRIAL?
ATTORNEY GENERAL BELL: HE'D HAVE ABOUT AS REMOTE A CHANCE OF MAKING THAT ARGUMENT AS YOU WOULD, BECAUSE THE SUPREME COURT HAS HELD JUST TO THE CONTRARY. BUT I DON'T KNOW HOW HE WILL GET HERE, WHETHER HE WILL COME ON HIS OWN OR -- HOPEFULLY, HE WILL; HOPEFULLY, HE WILL COME ON HIS OWN.
QUESTION: HOW ARE YOU COMMUNICATING WITH THE KOREAN
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GOVERNMENT, EXACTLY WHAT WAY DOES PRESIDENT CARTER--
ATTORNEY GENERAL BELL: IN THE NORMAL DIPLOMATIC MANNER.
QUESTION: HAVE THEY GIVEN YOU -- HAS THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT GIVEN YOU SOME INDICATION THAT IF AN INDICTMENT WAS BROUGHT THEY WOULD ASSIST YOU IN RETURNING MR. PARK?
ATTORNEY GENERAL BELL: NO.
QUESTION: JUDGE BELL, A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE ETHICS COMMITTEE ISSUED A STATEMENT THIS MORNING SAYING THAT THE SOUTH KOREAN GOVERNMENT WAS ENGAGED IN A BLATANT OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE IN CONNECTION WITH THIS INVESTIGATION. NOW, DO YOU HAVE ANY REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE SOUTH KOREAN GOVERNMENT WILL HELP GET MR. PARK BACK HERE, IF, IN FACT, CONGRESSMAN CAPUTO'S STATEMENT IS CORRECT?
ATTORNEY GENERAL BELL: I WOULDN'T WANT TO COMMENT ON THAT. I'M RUNNING THE -- WE'RE RUNNING OUR OWN INVESTIGATION, AND WE'VE BEEN USING HIGH-LEVEL DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS FOR SOME DAYS, AND SO FAR AS, OFFICIALLY, THE SOUTH KOREAN GOVERNMENT DOESN'T EVEN KNOW WE'VE INDICTED MR. PARK. THEY JUST KNOW IT NOW, SINCE WE'VE UNSEALED THIS INDICTMENT. I'M SURE THEY GOT THE NEWS STORIES THAT THERE WAS A SEALED INDICTMENT, BUT WE REFUSED TO COMMENT ON THAT, SO THEY DON'T KNOW ABOUT IT; THEY'RE JUST FINDING OUT ABOUT IT THIS MORNING. AND IT'S NIGHTTIME OVER THERE, I THINK, NOW. MIDDLE

OF THE NIGHT, MAYBE.
QUESTION: HAS THE SOUTH KOREAN GOVERNMENT ITSELF BEEN IMPLICATED IN YOUR INVESTIGATIONS?
ATTORNEY GENERAL BELL: I DON'T WISH TO GET INTO THAT.
QUESTION: MR. PARK'S ATTORNEY HAS SAID THAT PARK WILL RETURN TO LONDON AND FIGHT EXTRADITION FROM THERE. HAS HE SAID THAT TO THE DEPARTMENT.
MR. CIVILETTI: I SAID NO, NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE.
ATTORNEY GENERAL BELL: WE READ IT IN THE PAPER.
MR. CIVILETTI: I THINK PROBABLY WHAT HE WOULD SAY IF HE WERE HERE ASKED, AND WHAT HE MAY HAVE SAID TO MR. MICHAEL OR TO MR. HENDERSON IS THAT THAT WOULD BE HIS ADVICE.
QUESTION: JUDGE BELL. YOU HAVE A WHOLE BUNCH OF PEOPLE HERE WHO ARE UNINDICTED, BECAUSE THEY ARE SUPERIOR TO OR TOP-LEVEL PEOPLE IN THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT. DO YOU HAVE ANY REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THEY WERE ACTING NOT AT THE DIRECTION OF THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT? I MEAN, THAT WOULD SEEM A LOGICAL CONCLUSION.
ATTORNEY GENERAL BELL: WE HAVE TO OPERATE THIS INVESTIGATION IN SOME SEQUENCE, AND WE HAD BEST, I

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THINK, JUST DEAL WITH THIS ONE INDICTMENT THIS MORNING. IT'S VERY DIFFICULT TO RUN SOMETHING THAT IS SO MUCH IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST, AS THIS IS, AND IT'S BE EASIER IF WE COULD TELL EVERYTHING WE KNOW AND EVERYTHING WE HOPE TO DO. BUT I JUST DON'T THINK WE CAN DO THAT. WE'LL JUST HAVE TO GO ALONG THIS HARD ROAD.

QUESTION: I WAS GOING TO ASK WHY MR. HANNA WAS LISTED AS AN UNINDICTED CO-CONSPIRATOR. HOW DID YOU GET THAT?

ATTORNEY GENERAL BELL: WELL, THAT'S WHAT WE DECIDED TO DO. BECAUSE WE ONLY WANTED TO INDICT ONE PERSON, TONGSUN PARK. THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT THE INVESTIGATION IS ENDED. THE INVESTIGATION IS CONTINUING. THIS IS THE FIRST INDICTMENT. WHETHER THERE WILL BE OTHERS REMAINS TO BE SEEN.

QUESTION: IS THAT A BLANKET NOW FOR ALL OF THEM, OR SOME OF THEM?

MR. CIVILETTI: THERE ARE NATURALLY, SINCE THE INVESTIGATION IS CONTINUING, THERE ARE NATURALLY PEOPLE WHO ARE SUBJECTS WITHIN THE INVESTIGATION, AND I'M NOT GOING TO PARSE OUT -- SOMETHING THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE HAS NEVER DONE -- PARSE OUT THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE INTENSELY UNDER INVESTIGATION OR TARGETS OR UNDER INVESTIGATION IN A MILD WAY.

QUESTION: CAN WE ASSUME THAT EVERY ONE NAMED HERE IS UNDER INVESTIGATION?

MR. CIVILETTI: I DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S EVEN ACCURATE. I DON'T THINK SO.

QUESTION: IN A SENSE, IN THIS INDICTMENT THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH KOREA IS AN UNINDICTED CO-CONSPIRATOR BY NATURE OF THE CONSPIRACY ITSELF, IF, IN FACT, THEY WERE ACTING AS AGENTS OF THE SOUTH KOREAN GOVERNMENT. HAS THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH KOREA INDICATED ITS DIS-

PLEASURE AT AT LEAST THE NEWS REPORTS OF THE INDICTMENT OF TONGSUN PARK?

ATTORNEY GENERAL BELL: NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE. AND I DON'T KNOW THAT WE'VE INDICTED THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH KOREA, OR NAME THEM AS UNINDICTED -- YOU SAID THAT. YOU ASSUME THAT.

QUESTION: WELL, IF THEY ARE ACTING AS -- ON BEHEST OF THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH KOREA, AS HEADS OF THE KOREAN CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, THEN, IN A SENSE, THEY ARE THE CONSPIRATORS, THE GOVERNMENT ITSELF IS THE CONSPIRATOR.

ATTORNEY GENERAL BELL: WELL, THAT'S WHAT YOU -- THAT'S YOUR POSITION, YOUR RIGHT THERE. WE HAVEN'T SAID THAT. YOU KNOW, WE NAMED PEOPLE AS UNINDICTED CO-CONSPIRATORS,

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WE NAMED -- AND WE'VE NOT SAID THAT.
QUESTION: SO THE QUESTION IS: IS IT FAIR TO ASSUME THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH KOREA, THE CONSPIRACY IS HATCHED BY THEM?
ATTORNEY GENERAL BELL: NO. I DON'T THINK YOU CAN ASSUME THAT.
QUESTION: YOU'RE SAYING THE FORMER. WEREN'T THEY CURRENT THOUGH, AT THE TIME OF THE CONSPIRACY ALLEGED?
MR. CIVILETTI: DIFFERENT ONES WERE, YES. AT DIFFERENT TIMES DURING THE
QUESTION: WOULD THAT BE AN INDICATION THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS BEHIND THEIR ACTIVITIES?
MR. CIVILETTI: IT MIGHT, IT MIGHT NOT BE.

QUESTION: OVERT ACTS 25 AND 27 LIST CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS TO GOVERNOR EDWIN EDWARDS, WHO HAS DENIED RECEIVING THOSE. BASED ON THESE ALLEGATIONS, IS GOVERNOR EDWARDS UNDER INVESTIGATION FOR PERJURY?
MR. CIVILETTI: NO COMMENT.
QUESTION: YOU SAID THAT YOU HAD -- THERE WAS SOME OTHER MEANS BY THE SOUTH KOREAN GOVERNMENT TO GET TONGSUN PARK BACK, AND WE WOULD KNOW THEM IF WE HAD READ THE DECISIONS, AND SOME OF US MAY NOT HAVE READ THE DECISION; COULD YOU TELL US GENERALLY WHAT THOSE OTHER MEANS ARE?
ATTORNEY GENERAL BELL: NO, NO, I DIDN'T SAY THE DECISIONS WOULD TEACH THAT, BUT THERE ARE DECISIONS WHERE, IF SOMEBODY COMES TO THE UNITED STATES ON AN AIRPLANE, WE CAN ARREST HIM.
QUESTION: EVEN IF HE'S BEEN FORCED TO COME BACK?
ATTORNEY GENERAL BELL: HOWEVER HE GOT THERE, ON THE AIRPLANE. THAT'S ONE WAY. ANOTHER WAY THAT THE SOUTH KOREAN GOVERNMENT MIGHT ASK HIM TO COME BACK, TO DEFEND THE HONOR OF THE SOUTH KOREAN GOVERNMENT, YOU KNOW. I DON'T KNOW WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN. WE'RE NOT TELLING THEM HOW TO RUN THEIR BUSINESS. WE'D LIKE TO GET THIS FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE RETURNED TO THE WAY OF JUSTICE IN THIS COUNTRY, SO WE CAN PROSECUTE HIM.
QUESTION: ARE YOU GOING TO ASK THEM, THEN, TO RETURN HIM AGAINST HIS WILL?

ATTORNEY GENERAL BELL: WE MIGHT ASK THEM TO DO THAT. WE'VE ASKED THEM TO -- WE HAVEN'T ASKED THEM ANYTHING. I'M ASKING PRESIDENT CARTER TODAY -- I'M GOING TO READ THIS ONE MORE TIME -- TO CONTACT PRESIDENT PARK CHUNG HEE IN ORDER TO HAVE TONGSUN PARK, WHO IS NOW A FUGITIVE FROM AMERICAN JUSTICE, RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES. SO IT'S UP TO THEM.

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QUESTION: AND WILL THAT BE ONE OF THE THINGS WE WILL ASK, THAT THEY CONSIDER RETURNING HIM AGAINST HIS WILL?
ATTORNEY GENERAL BELL: OH, NO, WE WOULDN'T ASK THEM, TELL THEM HOW TO RUN THEIR BUSINESS. WE WOULDN'T WANT THEM TO TELL US HOW TO RUN OURS. YOU KNOW, THIS IS WHAT YOU CALL COMITY BETWEEN NATIONS.
QUESTION: JUDGE BELL, YOUR STATEMENT SAID THAT YOU REQUEST HE RETURN OR HE BE RETURNED; I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND --
ATTORNEY GENERAL BELL: I SAID, "IN ORDER TO HAVE TONGSUN PARK". YOU'LL HAVE TO JUST MAKE OUT OF THAT WHATEVER YOU WANT TO MAKE OUT OF IT.
QUESTION: "HAVE HIM RETURNED".
ATTORNEY GENERAL BELL: "..IN ORDER TO HAVE TONGSUN PARK RETURNED" -- F-D.
QUESTION: JUDGE BELL, ON THE QUESTION OF THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT BEING AN UNINDICTED CO-CONSPIRATOR, --
ATTORNEY GENERAL BELL: WE HAVE SAID THAT THAT IS NOT TRUE.
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QUESTION: YOUR ANSWER IS NO. IN THE INDICTMENT, IN A COUPLE OF COUNTS, IT IS STATED THAT TONGSUN PARK HAS BEEN AND HAS ACTED AS AN AGENT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AS OFFICIAL AND REPRESENTATIVE. NOW, ARE YOU SAYING THAT THAT DOES NOT MEAN THAT THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT HAD KNOWLEDGE OF HIS ACTIONS?
ATTORNEY GENERAL BELL: NO. YOU SAID HE HAD -- THAT THEY HAD BEEN INDICTED AS A CO-CONSPIRATOR, AND I SAID THAT'S NOT SO.
QUESTION: I ASKED WHETHER OR NOT WE COULD CONSIDER THEM UNINDICTED CO-CONSPIRATORS.
ATTORNEY GENERAL BELL: I WOULDN'T THINK YOU COULD. I DON'T THINK. IF YOU CAN FIND WHERE WE'VE INDICTED THEM AS UNINDICTED CO-CONSPIRATORS, AND WE'VE SAID THAT, YOU COULD PRINT IT; OTHERWISE, I THINK IT WOULDN'TBE GOOD.
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